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GAMBLING SCANDAL EXPLODES

Religious Sponsorship of Bingo Flailed by Orthodox Publication

By GOLDIE ALSTOCK SEIFER

Jewish Post Correspondent

NEW YORK (JP)—While both Democratic and Republican party platforms in New York promise to legalize bingo here, the current issue of Orthodox Jewish life condemned its sponsorship under the religious auspices as a "desecration and perversion of religious life."

At the same time, spokesmen for national rabbinical organizations polled by The Post were reluctant to voice opinions on whether synagogues should permit bingo games for fund raising purposes.

Anti-Semites Stir Hate Campaign Against French Prime Minister

PARIS (JP)—A mounting anti-Semitic campaign is being conducted by neo-fascistic hate groups here against Premier Pierre Mendes-France.

Anti-Semitic hooligans have gone so far as to telephone the premier's 81-year-old father and tell him that his son had been assassinated. At another time the elder Mendes-France was warned by an anonymous phone caller that although it had been impossible to assassinate his son, "it won't be long now." Another phone call is said to have caused the collapse of the old man.

A vicious campaign of slander and character assassination against the premier is being carried on by fascist papers such as Rivarol and Aspects De La France. They vilify Mendes-France and call him a "helot of world Communism."

Instead of referring to him by his proper name, these papers call him "Mendes-Moscow," "Mendes-Prague," and "Mendes-Molotov," or "the small carpet seller," "the cheat," "the most impudent liar," or the "pickpocket."

Readers of these papers have been lead to believe that the outcome of the vote on EDC in the French parliament was due only to the fact that the premier was a Jew who had the support of Jewish politicians and Jewish journalists.

People close to the premier say that he pays little attention to the vile press campaign.

ZBT Fraternity Turns Officially Non-Sectarian

NEW YORK (JP)—Zeta Beta Tau, the first and oldest Jewish college social fraternity has officially become non-sectarian.

Undergraduates from 47 chapters on campuses throughout the United States and Canada voted to change the fraternity's procedure so that membership would henceforth be open to college men, regardless of race, color or religion.

The resolution was passed by ZBT's governing body, the supreme council, at the 65th annual national convention and went into effect last week.

Spanish Police Bar High Holy Day Rites

NEW YORK (JP)—A Spanish police order barring a meeting of leaders of the Madrid Jewish community in a private hall of a hotel deprived scores of non-Spanish Jews from their only chance to attend Rosh Hashonah services.

Efforts by the United States embassy to have the police order rescinded met with failure, the New York Times reported.

Goldmann Urges Unity For Zionist Groups

NEW YORK (JP)—Dr. Nahum Goldmann, chairman of the American section of the Jewish Agency, has called again on the Zionist parties to drop the differences "which they don't have anyhow" and to organize one strong Zionist party in the United States.

Acknowledging that his plan for federation of Zionists had not been accepted, GOLDMANN he called for strong support of the American Zionist Council, which he considers the organization most nearly approaching the ideal.

Without naming any other Zionist organization specifically, he asserted that only the AZC could be the spokesman for organized U. S. Zionism.

Goldmann charged that the Israeli attitude on Zionism was too narrow because of its stress on aliyah. The real problem today, he maintained, is that Zionism must offer something different.

As a solution, he urged the building of a "personal tie" by the Zionist with Israel which the non-Zionist couldn't have. He suggested the learning of Hebrew and visits to Israel as two ways of achieving such a tie.

The bingo issue was highlighted here during the past few weeks when religious institutions, including a Brooklyn synagogue, were raided by New York police in an attempt to enforce the New York state law against gambling. Deputy Commissioner Goldberg, who authorized the raid, was subsequently demoted and resigned from the police force.

Pointing to the increased number of synagogues utilizing bingo games to secure funds, Orthodox Jewish Life, a publication of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, denounced bingo as a chillul hashem. It charged that religious institutions are serving as "hatcheries for the giant American gambling industry."

Rabbi Meyer Cohen would issue no statement on behalf of the Union of Orthodox rabbis.

Rabbi David Hollander, president of the Rabbinical Council of America (Orthodox), said that while his organization had not considered the issue, he personally felt that "the entire picture of this type of income (gambling) for religious institutions merits examination from a moral and ethical standpoint, not only one particular aspect of it."

Rabbi Wolfe Kelman expressed himself as personally opposed to synagogue sponsored bingo but said that the Rabbinical Assembly (Conservative) has not taken a stand on the issue. Rabbi Sidney L. Regner reported that the Central Conference of American Rabbis (Reform) has taken no stand.

Court Orders Couple Yield Adopted Twins

BOSTON (JP)—A Massachusetts court has ruled that a Jewish couple must give up a pair of three-year-old twins, born of Catholic parents, whom they had adopted.

The Supreme Judicial court ruled that the General Laws of Massachusetts require that children be given for adoption, when practicable, only to persons of the same religious faith.

The order meant that Reuben and Sylvia Goldman, of Marblehead, must give up the children whom they have cared for since a few days after the twins' birth (JP, Mar. 12, '54).

Top Conservative Body Sent Message on Affair

PHILADELPHIA (JP)—A gambling scandal which may hit the highest levels of Conservative Judaism has burst at Overbrook Park congregation here.

A report on what the Philadelphia Jewish Times referred to as the "Monte Carlo atmosphere which marked a fund-raising carnival sponsored by the Overbrook Park Men's club" has been dispatched to the national headquarters of the United Synagogue of America (Conservative).

Times Feature Editor Arthur Klein reported that games of chance dominated the carnival, paying off in cash for the most part, although some rewarded the winners with pandas, dolls and similar items. These games were open to young and old alike, with some of the players young enough

to be described as tots.

One of the games, craps, was closed by the police soon after the carnival opened and, according to Klein, re-opened soon after the lieutenant and two patrolmen departed. Bingo too, was available for all comers, and it too paid the players who won in cash.

BINGO ILLEGAL

Local law bans bingo, dice playing, and similar forms of gambling on carnival grounds.

According to the Times, official efforts had been made by the local Conservative synagogue organization to prevail upon leaders of the Overbrook Park congregation to abandon the gambling features of the carnival several days before the opening date. These efforts were rejected.

BANNED GAMBLING

More than two years ago, the local branch of the United Synagogue of America adopted a resolution banning all forms of gambling by synagogues and their affiliated groups as fund-raising devices. The branch dispatched the resolution to all its member congregations with a request that they take similar action endorsing the stand of the parent body. At the time it was reported all but one of the congregations concurred.

The Synagogue Council, representing all facets of Judaism—Orthodox, Conservative and Reform—has taken a stand against gambling in synagogues. An anti-gambling code is now in the process of being drafted by a committee. It is expected that this code will be presented at the next meeting of the Council to be held soon after the coming High Holy Days.



Here's Sarah

The Post readers' favorite girl friend, Sarah Kagau, the little polio victim from Jerusalem, poses proudly with the new braces she acquired with the help of hundreds of sympathetic contributors. She bade all her friends a happy and healthy New Year.

Israel Makes Strongest Effort To Conciliate Arab Neighbors

JERUSALEM (JP)—Israel has made its most far-reaching move towards conciliating its Arab neighbors since her founding in 1948 in a New Year's appeal for a peaceful settlement of their differences.

In a direct Arab language broadcast taking the form of an interview with Gideon Rafael, head of the Middle Eastern desk of the Foreign Ministry, Israel made the following proposals:

- To start a practical scheme of paying compensation to the Arab refugees.

- To find a practical plan for inter-regional communication between the Arab states of Africa and Asia across the Negev, providing that Israel's sovereignty is not infringed.

- To permit Jordan facilities in Haifa harbor and transit rights for Israeli territory.

First Arab reaction to the proposals appeared promising. Three

leading Arab Jerusalem newspapers gave the plan banner headlines and reported the broadcast in full, although editorially there was some criticism of Israel's offer.

Israeli officials kept their proposals virtually under wraps before disclosing them in the broadcast. Many Israelis were not aware of their government's full intentions. Israel concentrated on bringing it to the Arabs as fresh news, in the hopes of making a greater impact.

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● **Ground-breaking . . .** Earl Warren, chief justice of the United States, will be the principal speaker at a banquet to celebrate the ground-breaking for B'nai B'rith's new headquarters building in Washington, D. D. The banquet will be held Nov. 7. The new building will contain the national offices of B'nai B'rith, the Franklin D. Roosevelt Four Freedoms library, and an exhibit of historical and artistic works displaying the contributions to American democracy of the Jewish people.



WARREN

● **Meeting . . .** The 40th annual meeting of the Joint Distribution committee, major Jewish American agency aiding distressed Jews abroad, will be held Dec. 9, in New York. Since JDC was organized in October 1914, the agency has aided Jews in some 60 countries of the world, spending nearly \$525 million, contributed chiefly by American Jewry through the United Jewish Appeal.

● **Convention . . .** The biennial convention of the National Wom-

en's League of the United Synagogue of America will be held Nov. 14-18 in Cleveland. About 1,000 delegates, from all parts of the United States and Canada, are expected to attend the convention. The league, which represents over 600 sisterhoods, has a membership of more than 160,000 women.

● **Fund-raising . . .** Seeking \$50 million in cash by year's end to strengthen refugee aid programs in Israel, Europe, North Africa and the United States, the United Jewish Appeal has set Oct. 23-24 as "National Report Days." It will mark them with an emergency national conference in Cincinnati. The two-day conference will assess the results and impact on Israel's economy of a multi-million dollar loan which the United Jewish Appeal has been raising alongside its regular campaign for funds. This loan, known as the Consolidation Loan, has to date garnered close to \$63 million.

WIN FOURTH PLACE

JERUSALEM—The Israel pavilion at the Izmir (Turkey) Trade Fair won fourth prize from among 16 candidates, coming just behind France, Germany and Italy.

They Grow Sharp Down In Texas

UVALDE, Tex. (JP)—A Baptist preacher recently was speaking before an assembly of 500 school children, propagandizing against drink and smoke.

"Is there a single one in this audience," he asked, "who is not a good Christian, yet who abstains from the evils of drinking and smoking? Show me such a one—and I'll buy him a steak."

Charles Goldberg, 12, the only Jewish boy in the school, raised his hand.

"Here, sir," he said. "I am not a Christian and I do not smoke or drink."

Rumania Sentences Israel's Employee

TEL AVIV (WNS)—David Blumenthal, 34, an employee of the Israel Legation in Bucharest, Rumania, who was found guilty by a Rumanian court of "military espionage" and trying to cross the border illegally, has been sentenced to 15 years' imprisonment, according to a Bucharest report which reached here this week.

In addition to the above charges, the report stated, Blumenthal was accused of attempting to use the Israel Legation's diplomatic mail for personal matters. His wife, who was pregnant when he was convicted, collapsed as a result of his sentence, losing the baby.

Philadelphia Schools Report Gain in Pupils

PHILADELPHIA (WNS) — A ten percent increase in the enrollment of Jewish schools in this city over the previous year's enrollment was indicated this week when it was announced that some 18,000 boys and girls attended a variety of Jewish schools in Philadelphia last year.

The number of Jewish children who were enrolled in congregational schools—Conservative, Reform and Orthodox—was 13,466. Non-congregational community-supported schools educated 3,130 other children, unaffiliated schools had an enrollment of 1,102, while pre-school children receiving education in Jewish institutions numbered about 250.

(From Washington, D.C., it was reported that, with the enrollment for the new school year almost completed, some 7,000 children are enrolled in Jewish schools in Greater Washington, an increase from the 6,560 children in school at the close of last year. Chicago reported an enrollment of more than 22,500 children in various types of Jewish schools.

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Council for Judaism's Schools To Push Marking of Tercentenary

By BEN GALLOB

Jewish Post Correspondent

NEW YORK (JP)—Observance of the Tercentenary, which is largely being ignored at the adult level of the anti-Zionist American Council for Judaism, has been incorporated into the curriculum for the coming school year of the Council's Schools for Judaism program.

The Council's Religious Education department, headed by Leonard Sussman, announced that the Tercentenary anniversary is being marked by the publication of three new textbooks.

"The texts are designed to instruct American Jewish children in the universal, as contrasted with the nationalistic tradition of Judaism, as the most hopeful means of aiding their integration into the life of the United States," the Council said.

USE GENERAL THEME

Making its own use of a theme generally employed by Jewish organizations in connection with the Tercentenary, the Council declared that "we hope, through these books, to show creatively how the American climate during the past 300 years, has permitted the finest flowering of Judaism in all its long history."

The Council statement also for the first time sought to defend its teaching approach in terms of Jewish history, asserting that "we



SUSSMAN

are aware of the changing particular practices of Judaism which provide its distinguishing characteristics."

Explaining that in its textbooks, "these particularistic values will be taught on a selective basis," the Council asserted that this was a procedure "that is validated by the history of different Judaism practices by Jews in many countries and in many historic eras. We shall stress those particular values which have meaning for our lives and the lives of our children."

TO HOLD OBSERVANCES

Sussman said that all of the Council Schools will hold observances of the Tercentenary in November and that material on the 300th anniversary has been added to this year's curriculum.

The three new books are:

● "Stories About Judaism" Book Two, by Rabbi David Goldberg. The theme, like that of Book One is that "while the practices and forms of Judaism have changed, the basic ideas and ideals remain the same," according to Sussman.

● "Holidays for American Judaism" is listed as the first book "telling in proper historic perspective how Reform Judaism's holidays evolved out of practices in other countries and in other ages."

● "Children's Devotions," edited by Rabbi Samuel Halevi Baron, the Council's religious education director, is described as "a representative and suggestive selection of prayers and devotions which appeal to young people from pre-school to high school age."

Bookman Associates serves as publisher for the Council textbook program.

Brandeis Ripped 33-0 By Boston University

BOSTON (JP)—Boston university's gridiron Terriers took Brandeis university to the cleaners for the second year in succession, improving on last year's margin to crush the Judges 33-0.

While in last year's encounter the Judges jumped off to a 14-0 half-time lead, this year they were completely outmanned and outgunned from the start. The first half ended with the Terriers out in front 13-0, their last touchdown drive, a 99½ yard march ending in a score just before the gun.

During the third period the Terriers exploded with 20 points, sewing up the game. Boston university's reserves took over for most of the fourth period but were held scoreless by the Judges.

Brandeis was clearly out of its class. It impressed as a first rate small college football team, which had bitten off more than it could swallow in taking on Boston university.

ARGENTINES VISIT

JERUSALEM—Two influxes of tourists from Argentina will visit Israel in December, one a party of 500 strong, formed by the Argentina Zionist organization, and the other by B'nai B'rith.

Call to Jewish Parents 1954

THE beginning of the school year, this Fall, will coincide with the opening of an historic celebration: the observance of the 300th anniversary of Jewish settlement on these shores.

During the Tercentenary, American Jews and their fellow-citizens of all faiths will commemorate the arrival of the first Jews as the beginning of three centuries of creative Jewish life in this country. During these years Jews have contributed significantly and generously of their talents, their energies, and their labors toward the growth and development of this great land. This has been a saga of immense achievement, based partly on the inspiration they drew from Jewish tradition, but also on the opportunities which this nation provided in full measure to those who left less hospitable countries to make their homes in this bountiful land.

The accomplishments of the Jews who settled here ennoble our lives but they also charge us with responsibilities. In the first place, we have the obligation to see to it that the great spiritual, ethical and cultural traditions which they, among others, brought to this country, will be maintained and cherished. In the second place, we of this generation have the duty to lend meaning and dignity to our existence here by forging new weapons in behalf of American democracy, our own community and Jews in other lands, including the state of Israel.

There is an indispensable method by which we can discharge these responsibilities, now and for the future. Through a program of effective Jewish education we can forge the links with the generations that have passed and with the communities of Jews in all parts of the world.

Jewish Education Month will be observed this year from September 12 to October 10. During this period we must create the conditions of community interest and participation—in the fall enrollment, in a program of Jewish education for youth and adults, girls as well as boys—that will guarantee a future in keeping with our past yet attuned to present-day conditions and challenges.

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Union Levels Threat to Picket 'Kosher Style' Meat Retailers

By CHARLES ROTH

Jewish Post Correspondent

NEW YORK (JP)—The Kashrut Supervisors Union (AFL) has threatened to picket any establishment selling "kosher style" meat, charging the use of the term constitutes a fraud on the public which is deceived into thinking the meat is actually kosher.

Rabbi Chaim Y. Hurwitz, head of union local 621, hailed the efforts of Rabbi Eliezer Silver, chief Orthodox rabbi of Cincinnati, in his espousal of a test case designed to achieve out-

lawing of the term "kosher style" in Ohio (JP, Sept. 17, '54). Hurwitz asserted that those interested in protecting kosher supervision will fight "this fraud" over the whole United States.



HURWITZ

The fiery rabbi-union leader also took a swipe at misleading advertising by upstate New York and New Jersey resorts and hotels which implied falsely that they were kosher.

FIGHT DIFFICULT

He underlined the difficulty of his organization's battle for kashruth supervision by charging that as recently as 1953 the union's advertisements containing accusations against offending hotels and resorts had been rejected by the Yiddish press.

He cited as a model, kashruth supervision in England because of its central authority and constant supervision of food processing and retailing establishments. He lambasted the practice in this country of giving manufacturers kashruth endorsements without such constant supervision.

Rabbi Hurwitz, who organized the union in 1938 with six members and now claims 450 laymen and rabbis, put in a plug for kosher catering. He explained the difference in price between kosher and non-kosher catering by asserting that the kosher caterer had to pay the hotel caterer from \$2.50 to \$5 for each person served each time he was called on to cater a kosher meal. He suggested that if customers would cater their affairs at the caterer's own place they would find the price as low as a non-kosher meal of comparable quality.

OPTIMISTIC ABOUT MEAT

Rabbi Hurwitz also made out a favorable case for kosher meat prices as contrasted with comparable cuts of non-kosher meats. He said if women would shop

ADL Urges Probe Of Cross Burnings

MIAMI, Fla. (JP)—The B'nai B'rith Anti-Defamation League has asked for an investigation of an outbreak of cross burnings over the past five months in various parts of Florida.

In a letter to Florida Attorney General Richard W. Erwin, Sanford M. Swerdlin, Florida state ADL chairman, declared that "cross burnings (barred by Florida statute) are acts of attempted intimidation, rooted in hatred and intolerance, which may lead to further violence and disruption."

"The investigation of these acts ought properly to include a determination as to whether they have been inspired and perpetrated by any organized hate group or groups," the ADL added.

for moderately priced kosher meat they would get it.

"This kosher meat though, bought in the Jewish low income bracket neighborhoods, would be untrimmed and not the prime cuts the Jewish housewife is used to buying in her own neighborhood," he cautioned. "The high price is brought about because the Jewish housewife demands the type of meat that the non-Jewish trade demands at Park Avenue butchers."

The union leader looks to a new rabbinical kashruth supervisors organization which is in the making to help solve a great many of the problems in this field. The proposed body would contain the leading Orthodox rabbis of the United States and would combat any form of encroachment on the kosher food industries through fraudulent business practices or advertising.

WINS FIRST PRIZE

JERUSALEM—Israel has won first prize in the Morse code section of the 1953-54 Amateur Radio Contest in which 76 countries participated.

Harrisburg Reform Rabbi Calls Bas Mitzvah Rite 'Progressive'

HARRISBURG, Pa. (JP)—A Reform rabbi has espoused the adoption of the bas mitzvah ceremony as a "progressive" change in Reform practice.

Rabbi Philip D. Bookstaber, of Temple Ohev Shalom, took his stand in commenting upon a recent responsa of the Central Conference of American Rabbis (Reform) which asserted that Reform Judaism could see no justification of the ceremony for girls (JP, July 30, '54).

Rabbi Bookstaber asserted that the CCAR responsa committee's communication merely constituted a reply to a rabbi's query, **BOOKSTABER**

rather than a ruling as "sole arbiter" of what constitutes Reform Judaism. He said that for a number of years he had made the bar and bas mitzvah ceremonies a pre-requisite for confirmation.

He asserted that his espousal of bas mitzvah was based on his concept that "pure Reform" is guided by "you may" rather than by "you must." He said that adoption of an Orthodox custom did not mean that Reform was retrogressing, but merely represented a new facet in "the variety of religious experience."

The rabbi supported the practice also on the grounds that it equalized treatment of boys and girls.

He said that the "carry over" of this "equalizer" has enhanced Friday night temple attendance and has made Ohev Shalom known as "truly Reform, truly progressive—and surely most Liberal—for the bas mitzvah, like the bar mitzvah, has an inherent worth."



Judge Changes Mind; Decrees Probation

PHILADELPHIA (JP)—A municipal court judge changed his mind and placed on probation three teen-aged youths, charged with assaulting three elderly Jews, whom he had previously let off with a reprimand.

Judge Herbert E. Millen conducted a rehearing in the case involving the three teen-agers and also a young soldier, now back with his unit and not present at the new hearing, who had assaulted three elderly members of Congregation Chaari Zedek July 9. (JP, Aug. 13, '54).

He said he had reconsidered the case and "had spoken too quickly" in having permitted the defendants to go "absolutely" free. He emphasized that invasion of the sanctity of the Church and the molesting of congregants was a "most shocking violation of our American principles."

He said the youths should be placed under the continual supervision of the court until there was assurance that they had corrected their attitudes and there would be no repetition of the anti-social behavior. He placed them on probation for an indefinite term.

SPURS FUND-RAISING

JOHANNESBURG (ZINS)—A 25 per cent increase in income of the United Jewish Appeal in South Africa is expected because of the spur provided by the recent visit of Israel's Communications Minister Joseph Saphir.

Temple Aids Drive For Old North Church

BOSTON, Mass. (JP) — The fund to restore the steeple of famed Old North Church here destroyed by the recent hurricane has received a boost through a gift from Temple Ohavei Shalom of Brookline.

A national campaign is currently in progress to reconstruct the steeple from which were hung the lanterns as a signal to Paul Revere to begin his famous ride, opening the American Revolution.

Rabbi Dudley Weinberg wrote the Rev. Charles R. Peck, vicar of Old North Church that members of Ohavei Shalom would also be urged to supplement the gift through individual contributions.

"We feel that Boston would be much poorer if the Old North Church were not restored to its original beauty and dignity," Rabbi Weinberg wrote. "We pray that the steeple of Old North Church will soon again bring its visible reminder of the preciousness of freedom to us in Boston and to Americans throughout the land."

Oil Drilling Starts In North of Israel

JERUSALEM (JP)—The bit of a giant drill cut into the soil at Zichron Yaacov last week to initiate the first drilling operation for oil in the north of Israel.

The site, named Carmel One, has been hopefully selected by Pontiac Petroleum company experts who have sunk a small fortune in equipment and manpower into the work. The drilling will be conducted on a three-shift, round-the-clock basis.

GREAT BRITAIN TOPS

JERUSALEM (ZINS)—Israel's best customer in the first half of 1954 was Great Britain, whose imports totalled \$16 million, largely in citrus products.

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New Soviet Encyclopedia Labels Israel as Chauvinist Dominated

LONDON—The recently published Soviet Encyclopedia pictures Israel as a country where chauvinist propaganda predominates, and a "regime of terror" is being carried out against the Arab population, some of whom were "murdered" by the Zionists, while others were compelled to flee.

The Encyclopedia, in its articles on Jerusalem and Israel generally, displays "utter ignorance," according to a correspondent of the Jewish Chronicle of London. Israel is not an independent and democratic state, the encyclopedia asserts. It is, it says, a country where the anti-imperialistic movement is exploited, and where the "democratic movement led by the Communist party" is persecuted.

WRONG ON JERUSALEM

In its article on Jerusalem, the encyclopedia makes one of its most glaring misstatements, the Chronicle says. It describes the Israeli capital as "a center of air communications" which, it is alleged, is being used by the airlines of the "imperialist" powers. The article is completely off-base as Jerusalem has no airfield.

To illustrate its article on life

in Israel, the encyclopedia publishes several pictures which are described as "typical." One picture purportedly shows the cultivation of land in Israel—two peasants ploughing, one with a donkey, the other with a camel. That is all about modern agriculture in Israel.

SLURS HAIFA

Haifa, considered by many as the most beautiful city in Israel, is presented as nothing but a slum.

To make its "coverage" of Israel complete, the encyclopedia has also something to say about the press. The Communist newspaper, Kol Ha'am, is lauded as the leading newspaper in Israel. Of the "bourgeois" Israeli newspapers, the Mapai paper Hador is given as second in importance,

UP TO HIS NECK IN WORK

He Wrote a Letter to The Post And Now He's Really Got a Job

TEL AVIV—Aryeh Ben Aryeh, an 18-year-old Tel Aviv youth is up to his neck in work these days—all because he wrote a letter to The Post.

His letter has brought such a response that Aryeh, who recently graduated from high school, is hard put to find time to answer the daily pack of letters brought by the mailman.

It all began a few months ago, when Aryeh read Ben-Gurion's now famous speech to the youth

of Israel, in which the former premier declared "We cannot and must not overlook the part of every Jewish youth, wherever he or she may be, in the upbuilding of the state of Israel."

These words sparked an idea in Aryeh's mind; why not found some kind of movement to establish personal contact with Jewish youth outside Israel, and in this way acquaint them with the problems facing the fledgling re-

and Davar (Histadrut) third, while the Jerusalem Post is described as a publication of Anglo-American "imperialists." No mention is made of any other of Israel's many periodicals.

public and perhaps, even, urge them to settle there.

WITHOUT FURTHER ado, Aryeh sat down and wrote a letter to The Post, asking all those interested to contact him.

Since then the flow of letters has not ceased.

They came from all over the United States—from New York, Chicago, Philadelphia, Los Angeles and elsewhere.

American Jewish youth is apparently very eager to get some "straight" news about Israel. One question is asked in almost every communication: Why is it that all information and data emanating from Israel is so vague, and general in nature?

One American boy, president of a youth organization, wrote: "Many of us are lost and founder . . . vulnerable to the scourge of assimilation. Personal contact with Israeli youth is a sine qua non."

ONE WRITER asks that youth organizers be sent from Israel. A girl in New Jersey wants to correspond with a fellow in Jerusalem because she wants to learn more about the Holy City. A Michigan lad wants some facts concerning Israel's climate and economic conditions. Another girl from Philadelphia, would like to know how the sabras feel about national and international questions.

The writers, all between the age of 15 and 19, want more information about education in Israel, immigration, settlement of the Negev, the Arab minority problem, irrigation, etc.

Many of the American boys and girls express a desire to go to Israel, despite opposition on the part of many parents.

"The moment things 'live up' round your way," one lad writes, "Your newspapers' headlines scream 'HOSTILITIES IN JERUSALEM,' and our parents become panicky at the thought of our going."

ANOTHER LETTER suggested that Israel's shortwave, broadcasting system, Kol Zion Legola, should read some of the letters in its Independence Day broadcasts (Kol Zion Legola has promised to consider the idea for next year's program).

Meanwhile, Aryeh Ben Aryeh is a busy man. He is constantly at work digging up facts in archives and other sources of information in order to answer the questions of his many pals in the U. S. Recently he proposed his idea for an international movement to President Yitzhak Ben Zvi, the prime minister's office, the minister of labor, the Jewish National Fund and other groups, all of whom expressed interest

Jewish Tourist Guide

Historic Jewish Sites in U.S.

This column is based on the forth coming book, "A Jewish Tourist's Guide to the U.S." by Bernard Postal and Lionel Koppman. Philadelphia, The Jewish Publication Society of America, 1954, 670 pages, \$5.00.

BY LIONEL KOPPMAN

To provide future visitors to the Bunker Hill Monument with a sense of pride in both their American and Jewish heritages, the Boston Tercentenary Committee would do well to place a plaque on the historic shrine indicating the role played by Judah Touro in its erection.

You know the story. A group of citizens planned a monument to honor the memory of the American patriots who fought and died in the Battle of Bunker Hill. Initial support for the memorial soon petered out, and from the time General Lafayette laid the cornerstone in 1825 until 1840 there was great difficulty in raising funds.

For many years the monument remained unfinished. Eventually, a Boston merchant, Amos Lawrence, agreed to put up \$10,000 if another citizen could be found to match his offer. Half a continent away, in New Orleans, Judah Touro read Lawrence's offer. He remembered his happy days in Boston in the home of his uncle, Moses Michael Hays, and decided to write out a check for \$10,000. Thus was the completion of the Bunker Hill Monument made possible.

At the shrine's dedication on June 17, 1843, President John Tyler, Daniel Webster, and Oliver Wendell Holmes all paid tribute to Touro. Webster, Joseph Story, Edward Everett and ex-President John Quincy Adams were commissioned to prepare an inscription for a plaque on the monument as a permanent memorial to Touro and Lawrence. To this day, however, there is nothing on the monument to link Touro and Lawrence with the shrine whose completion they made possible.

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in his idea and offered encouragement.

"I'm not at all sorry I started this whole thing, despite the time and effort it consumes," says Aryeh. "It gives me a wonderful feeling of satisfaction and accomplishment. I pray that a National Fund and other groups, strong and vibrant movement will emerge from it."

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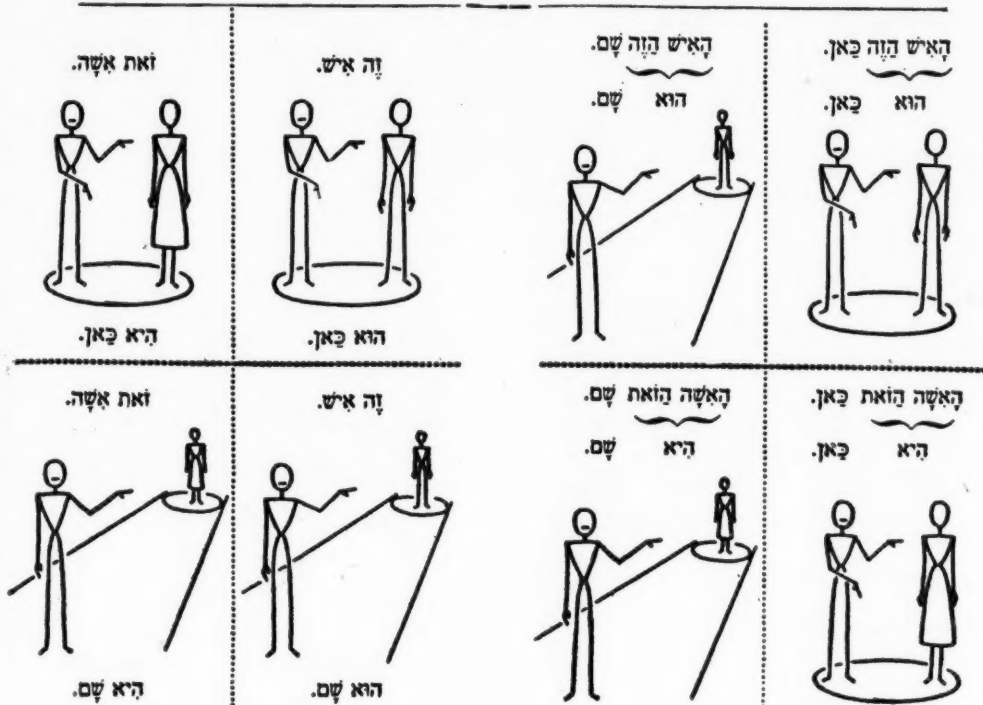
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FAMILY SECTION

A Picture Is Worth 1,000 Words



The old saw about a picture being worth 1,000 words seems to have made its impression on the creators of a new method of teaching Hebrew. Utilizing the above drawings of "little stick-men" in action, the developers of the new method claim it may revolutionize the use and teaching of Hebrew in the United States.

New Hebrew Teaching Method May Contribute to Its Survival

By HADASSAH INSELBUCH
Jewish Post Correspondent

If American Jews throughout the country were soon heard conversing in fluent Hebrew about such things as the price of groceries, world series prospects and politics, this might come only as a mild shock to a group of Harvard linguists, professor I. A. Richards, David Weinstein and Christine Gibson.

The reason for this wild-eyed possibility is a 35 cent pocket book, "Hebrew Through Pictures," written by this Harvard trio and ready for book shelves in neighborhood stores at the end of September.

"At last learning Hebrew will be more like amusement than hard work," says David Weinstein, 27-year-old teaching fellow at Harvard university, instructor at Hebrew Teachers college in Boston, and joint author of "Hebrew Through Pictures." Weinstein claims that this new method, in addition to being fun for the student, helps him develop a pride in the Hebrew language because almost after the first lesson he has begun to speak it.

"ONLY THROUGH speaking the language," says Weinstein, "can one feel that he has mastered it and made it part of himself."

This sense of pride will then spur expectations. A group of camp students on to read what has been written in the Hebrew language and to write that language."

"Hebrew Through Pictures" is the end product of over ten years of thinking, writing, and experimenting. As early as 1945, Professor Richards became interested in teaching a foreign language through pictures without translating a single word into the student's native tongue. Developed first for the teaching of English, French and Spanish, this method was applied to the Hebrew language in 1951 at the suggestion of Weinstein.

AT HEBREW TEACHERS college, the new method was tried out with adult classes. After 90 hours of instruction, the adult students were able to understand everything that was said to them in Hebrew and could make themselves understood using all the formal elements of the language.

A group of 7 and 8 year old children at Malden Hebrew School in Massachusetts, attending Hebrew school for the first time, could read, write and speak Hebrew after one year of instruction with the method. Some children in the group surpassed chil-

Your Name

Want to know what your name means? Address your question to Mr. Pearlroth, National Jewish Post, Box 1633, Indianapolis 6, Ind.

By N. PEARLROTH



DEAR Mr. Pearlroth: Could you please tell me the meaning or origin of my maiden name: Gordon. My family came from Lithuania. I find your column fascinating.—Mrs. BEATRICE ROSENBLOOM, Brooklyn, N.Y.

GORDON is a family name impartially borne by both Jew and Gentile. The Gentile name and partly also its Jewish contingent is derived from the name of a Roman emperor who ruled Rome and the world more than 1700 years ago. His name was Gordianus. He came to the throne through a remarkable fluke at an advanced age. But his reign was so humane that all over the Roman empire people adopted his name as their own. Many Jewish subjects of the emperor did the same and the name changed to Gordon has survived to this day. Some Jewish Gordons take their family name not from the old Roman emperor but from the fact that they originated in Grodno, Lithuania. Instead of calling themselves Grodner: they took the similar sounding name of Gordon. To which category a given reader belongs is impossible for me to say.

Mexicans Seek To Move to Israel

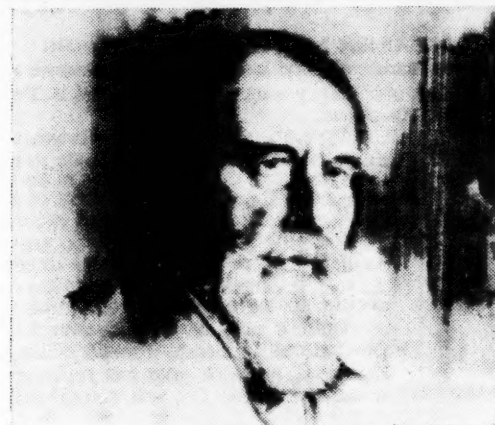
JERUSALEM — An obscure non-Jewish sect in Mexico has submitted a request to the immigration department of the Jewish Agency to aid them in immigrating to Israel.

The group, consisting of 400 to 500 persons, wishes to follow a tradition passed on by their ancestors to convert to Judaism and immigrate to Israel when an independent state is established there.

The sect does not practice circumcision, but keeps the Sabbath and observes Yom Kippur, the Jerusalem Post reported.

The immigration department is considering the matter.

They All Are Jews



A World of Illusion
Arthur Schnitzler
(1862-1931)

BORN in Vienna, Schnitzler was the son of a famous Viennese throat specialist. To his father's office celebrated theatrical figures of the time came for treatment. They stimulated young Arthur to the romance and excitement of the half world of illusion. In the boy of five, there was awakened a desire to write plays, and at that tender age he wrote his first five-act tragedy.

As the years passed, his father frowned on a literary career and insisted his son follow the medical profession. For a time he saw active hospital service and enjoyed an extensive practice as a doctor for 30 years.

But doctoring could not still the urge to write. From his pen flowed a stream of witty verses and sketches, and Vienna came to know of the satirical artist who so brilliantly probed the frailties of human nature.

A year after his father's death, Schnitzler discarded the scalpel for the pen and began in earnest his career as a writer. A member of a respectable upper middle-class family and possessed of an extreme sense of moral responsibility he had never experienced the frivolities of youth and love. In his mind there arose a subconscious admiration for the gay people who flitted about loving and dying in that magic world of spring, color, and adventure. His creative work became largely an expression of his melancholy yearning for such a life. He unmasked his characters of their suppressed desires and hidden soul secrets. Schnitzler indeed was the foremost disciple of Freudism in the drama.

He became internationally famous as a delicate craftsman who portrayed twilight moods and the strangeness and loneliness of the life of men and women. He shrank before the specter of old age and feared loneliness, yet most of his life he lived in semi-seclusion. On Oct. 21, 1931, in the midst of writing his play "The Call of Life," he suffered a fatal heart attack.

Schnitzler has taken his rank among the masters of literature. Of him it has been truly said, "Wilde fortified with Ibsen—Vienna crossed with Paris."

This feature is condensed from the book, "They Are All Jews," with biographies by Mac Davis, and portraits by E. E. Claridge, through courtesy of the Hebrew Publishing Company, New York N. Y.

dren studying Hebrew for 3 and 4 years.

"The picture method," Weinstein explains, "is a very simple one designed to keep the student interested throughout the lesson and to help him think in Hebrew as much as possible."

No English is used at all in the classroom. The student enters the class and is greeted in Hebrew. He is then shown a sound film strip. Each strip contains a Hebrew word or phrase and a stick figure picture which explains what the Hebrew means. The student hears the sound of the words and repeats them. A silent film strip is then presented and this time the teacher makes the sounds.

LATER THE STUDENTS are tested, having had the opportunity to act out the meaning of the given Hebrew words. By using the phrases over and over again, always connecting them with a definite picture and then using them in a real life situation the students can begin to speak Hebrew naturally.

Though this method is comparably new it has already caused a stir among Jewish educators. High schools, teacher-training Centers, Hebrew schools, and Jewish organizations have demonstrated interest in "Hebrew Through Pictures."

"Jewish educators have, up to

this point, done everything in their power to promote the learning of Hebrew, but somehow they have failed to succeed on a large scale and have come to recognize this more and more, says Weinstein. "We hope that our method will contribute to the survival of the Hebrew language in this country and consequently the survival of a positive Jewish community in the United States."

IT'S THE TRUTH!

By SAMUEL DEUTSCH

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WHEN THE BIBLE was translated for the first time into Chinese, it was done—by a Russian Jew named Samuel Isaac Sereshevsky!

TWO HUNDRED YEARS

and more ago it was customary in many synagogues in Europe and elsewhere not only to read the story of Mordecai and Esther on Purim but also to act out the story.

IT TOOK King Solomon fully 13 years to build his palace!

THE FIRST JEWISH chaplain with any of the armed forces in American military history was Rabbi Jacob Frankel!

REPORT FROM HOLLYWOOD

Seems Moses (DeMille Style) Won't Be a Casanova After All

By SHIMON and ANITA MARATECK WINCEBERG

YOU may remember the stir last year over that news release in the N. Y. Times about "The Ten Commandments." Story announced that Cecil B. DeMille planned to treat Moses, its hero, as a sort of Egyptian Casanova.



WINCEBERG

Well, the publicity man who planted that story got fired for his trouble. Because DeMille, it appears, intends to treat Moses with the utmost reverence, and show the Ten Commandments to be the basis of civilization of all faiths. This anyway, is the reliable rumor out of Paramount, where the shooting script itself still remains a closely guarded secret.

Recently then, DeMille, who regards this project as his crowning achievement, left for Egypt with a crew of 80, to start shooting up his \$7 million budget. All told, it will take him about 75 days on the scene of our ancestors' slavery, and another 100 days on the Paramount lot, the scene of—but why strain the parallel?

Quite a cast has been announced, too. Charlton Heston as Moses; Yvonne De Carlo as Zipporah; Cornell Wilde as Joshua; Yul Brynner as Ramses; Ann Baxter as his wife, who has an unreciprocated eye on Moses; Sir Cedric Hardwicke as Pharaoh Sr., and Vincent Price as one of the machers at court.

AND while the DeMille crew is liable to stumble across "Joseph and his Brethren" (courtesy of Columbia Pictures) in the land of the Pharaohs, other nations are shooting modern feature films in Israel.

There is the Anglo-Israel production of "Hill 24 Does Not Answer," which ought to be ready by November, and the French-Israeli film "Every Mile a Stone," starring Yosef Yadin and French actress Lucy Phillippe. Both deal with phases of Israel's Independence, and both are being processed by Israel's own Herzliah studios.

Yehoshuah Brandstetter, founder and president of Herzliah Studios, is currently in Hollywood, ready to unveil his "Khamishia," excellently reviewed and attended in the East, to an invited audience at the Paramount projection theater, where it may well persuade some local skeptics that Israel's outdoor locations and studio facilities make it still the most obvious

place to shoot a Biblical film.

One potential customer, meanwhile, seems to be lost to Herzliah. Kirk Douglas, who some months ago was reported to be readying a Biblical TV series, "a sort of Bible-with-guts show," as "Time" elegantly quoted him, has now announced his format via the L.A. Daily News.

The series is to be called "The Bible Speaks," but the plots are to be "modern-life, dramatic vignettes, based on Bible passages. . . . In the first three scripts (Douglas) plays a lumberjack, a gangster, and a baseball hero."

Klutznick Sees Need For Defense Groups

CHICAGO (JP)—B'nai B'rith President Philip M. Klutznick declared that the need for a "fighting organization" to defend Jews

against false and malicious charges is as great today as ever, in a speech before community leaders attending the opening meeting of the Joint Defense Appeal drive.

Klutznick said that the recent probe at Fort Monmouth, N. J., where 41 out of 45 persons originally suspended as security risks were Jews was a case in point. He also charged that many Southern Jews are now being subjected to "economic and social" pressures because of the part that Jewish organizations had played in the effort to end school segregation in the South.

PLEDGE \$100,000

MONTREAL (WNS)—The Haddassah organization of Canada has pledged \$100,000 to aid in the evacuation to Israel of Jewish children from Morocco and other places in troubled Africa.

TOURISM INCREASES

JERUSALEM (ZINS)—During 1953, some 12,000 tourists from the United States visited Israel.



KLUTZNICK

ONE year ago,—in Tammuz, 5713—a volume of Hebrew essays appeared in Jerusalem, intended to be the first of a series, for discussing "the problems of Zionism, world Jewry and the State of Israel." The editors are Zalman Shazar and Nathan Rothenstreich.

The title of this collection, in which 21 writers participated, is "Hazuth," a rather unusual and vague word which means "Vision," but which unfortunately suggests the combination "Hazuth Kasha"—a vision of doom. Several months later, an English translation of most of Hazuth appeared under the title "Forum." With Simon Ravidovits and M. M. Kaplan left out, only 19 contributors are represented.

The Hebrew book looks better and reads better than the English translation. But I doubt very much if even the Hebrew book will make much of an impression on the Israeli reader who is still unfamiliar with the views of the different writers. There is a limit to how much abstract theory even an Israeli can absorb.

AS FOR THE English book, the editors showed their total disregard for the absorptive capacity and for the mentality of the intended readership. Obviously a book on Zionism in English is intended, in the first place, for American Zionists. How many even among the top intellectuals of the movement in this country, will have the patience to read so much theorizing, with occasional reference to somebody's essay, but very little reference to hard facts?

Some essays in the collection are excellent; some are poor; some are reprints. The worst of it is that so few copies are available in this country.

If some of the essays appearing in the "Forum" were to be printed in "Judaism," they would read better and would at least reach that more or less limited circle of readers who are interested in the subject. Individually, essay for essay, I find some in "Forum" superior to those in "Judaism." But in the latter the essays are so placed that they make you feel like reading.

"JUDAISM" is perhaps an extreme case, because, after all, its subject matter and its reading circle are restricted. But within

the restrictions, it is readable, "Forum" is hardly readable even within its own restrictions—the problems of the Zionist movement. Certainly in the "Jewish Frontier," some of the essays printed in "Forum" would make a better impression.

The comparison between "Forum" and "Judaism" suggests itself because both are collections of essays on a restricted subject for a restricted group of readers. "Forum" appears at God-knows-what intervals; "Judaism" appears as a quarterly. "Forum" deals with Zionism, "Judaism" deals with Judaism and related subjects (such as John Dewey. . .)

THE QUARTERLY "Judaism" was founded by Robert Gordis and went peddling for a sponsor, until David Petegorsky took it under the wings of the Jewish Congress. I think that "Congress Weekly" and "Judaism" are the two activities of which the Congress ought to be most proud. I am not saying this because my relations with the Congress Weekly are particularly close—they are not—but because "Congress Weekly" is a magazine I would not miss reading. Nor do I approve of everything "Judaism" prints, nor do I agree with Gordis's views on Zionism; but "Judaism" gives me the feeling of an honestly open forum on questions affecting Judaism and of unmechanical genuine human warmth in relation to Jewish problems, so eminently lacking in "Commentary."

But let's not now discuss "Commentary" and the Commentary Sneer. I am in a mellow mood now. I commend "Judaism" for its highly valuable contribution to serious Jewish thinking in America.

IMMIGRANTS ARRIVE

HAIFA—Fourteen immigrants from Argentina arrived in Israel last week. They underwent a year of agricultural training before they left.

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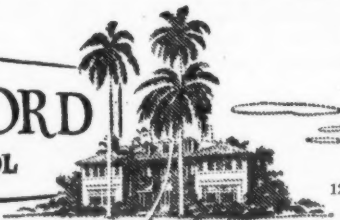
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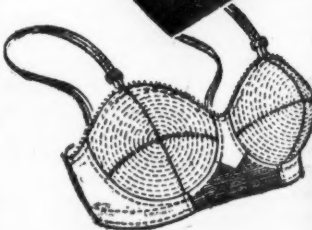
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NAMES IN THE NEWS

If You Haven't Time For Books
Just Take a Tip From a Sailor

APPARENTLY Israel Havkin, Israeli sailor who recently conquered the Atlantic in 82 days with a 23-foot schooner, likes to read and just can't seem to find the time at home. Anyway, Israel, who stocked his tiny vessel with a good sized library of over 100 volumes, has announced he is planning to do a trip around the world. He expects to start on his circumnavigation in November, when the sea storms subside. He figures he should complete his voyage by 1958, which would give him plenty of time to catch up on the latest in literature. One problem he probably hasn't solved: How to get enough books for four years' reading on a 23-foot boat and still keep the tub floating. Maybe he should stick to lighter literature!

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A Wish Fulfilled

A mother's fond wish has come to fruition probably more fully than she dared hope for. When the mother of Rabbi Louis A. and Abraham M. Cassel left for Jerusalem three years ago, she put her arms around her two sons and begged them to be together and if at all possible, to live and work near one another. The sons have more than amply kept the promise they made their mother at that time. At this year's Rosh Hashanah services, Torah Temple, of Miami Beach,

will have in its pulpit not just one officiating rabbi, but two. For the first time perhaps in the history of synagogue life in the U. S., two brothers will occupy the same pulpit and officiate fully during the High Holy Days.

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Hee Haw Division

B'NAI B'RITH Institutes, like most other serious affairs, apparently have their lighter moments — or maybe it was just that rarified Colorado atmosphere — but a columnist on the Intermountain Jewish News of Denver reports that the following exchange took place between Dr. Leo Jung and Dr. Sidney Morgenbesser, two eminent theologians: Dr. Jung quipped: "Morgan will be better." Dr. Morgenbesser, quick on the trigger, retorted with "But Morgan I won't be Junger." Some p(h)un! That's no yolk!

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Was This Politic?

IT'S a good thing that Rabbi Alvin M. Polack, of Lebanon, Pa., decided to become a teacher

of religion rather than a diplomat—he might not have got to first base in the buttering-up department. Competing in the summer handicap golf tournament of the Lebanon B'nai B'rith Lodge, Rabbi Polack, beat a field of 24 contestants—many of them members of his congregation—to win first place.

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Names in Review

First Lt. Robert Stern of Philadelphia, commanding officer of the 131st Medical Detachment and dental surgeon for the 335th Ordnance Battalion, has been awarded the Bronze Star for "meritorious conduct" during his two years of service in Korea. Abraham Feinberg, New York city industrialist, has been elected chairman of the board of trustees of Brandeis university. Dr. Nelson Glueck, president of Hebrew Union College, Jewish Institute of Religion and world renowned archaeologist, has been named as the 20th recipient of the Phi Epsilon Pi fraternity annual National Service Award. Justice Arthur Markewich, of the City court of New York, has been installed a national president of B'nai Zion, the American Fraternal Zionist organization.

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With the Rabbis

New chaplain of the Fifth Naval district is Rabbi Arnold S. Turetsky who replaces Rabbi David Hachen, now spiritual leader of a Long Island congregation. Congregation Beth Hamedrosh Hogodol, New Haven, Conn., has announced the appointment of Rabbi Charles Bahn, of Boston, as spiritual leader. Rabbi Joseph Reich has commenced his duties as new assistant rabbi of Cleveland's Park synagogue. Rabbi James I. Gordon, formerly of Congregation Shaarie Torah, Portland, Ore. has assumed the pulpit of Congregation Shomray Hadath, Elmira, N. Y. Rabbi William Berkowitz has been named associate Rabbi of Congregation B'nai Jeshurun, New York. Dr. Harry A. Merfeld has taken over as spiritual leader of Tri-Cities Jewish community and Temple B'nai Israel, Florence, Ala. Rabbi Alfred L. Friedman has been called to the pulpit of Union temple, Brooklyn, N. Y. Chaplain and Mrs. Mordecai Podet have announced the birth of their son, Ethan Jeffrey, Aug. 25 in Naples, Italy. Rabbi and Mrs. Solomon Bernards, of Schenectady, N. Y., have announced the birth of a daughter, Reena Miriam, Sept. 10.

WOMEN'S VIEWPOINT By HELEN COHEN

Are Hotel Weddings
Still Necessary?

MY maid was ill and had sent her sister who works part time in a hotel, to help me. As she sat making conversation with me during lunch, she spoke of her duties at the hotel, where she runs a dish washing machine for big affairs.

"We had four big weddings there last week," she remarked.

I almost asked how many were Jewish, partly because of the current controversy over the appropriate settings for Jewish weddings and partly because I had never noticed any non-Jewish wedding announcements where any place but a church was mentioned.

But I felt it less dignified to broach the subject, so I held my peace.

Her very next words were: "All four were Jew girls. And you should have seen the fine Jew cooking the ladies fixed up."

Just insisting that marriages outside the synagogue or home are not proper gets us nowhere. If there were reasons for the original trend away from these places, it might clear the air to take a look at them.

ONE OF THE PEOPLE with whom I talked, and who is in a position to know, felt there were three factors which started the movement to hotels and country clubs.

● Many synagogues had no facilities for preparing meals and were "dark and dank"—conditions which certainly no longer hold true.

● The East European Jews brought with them the custom of elaborate drawn-out weddings, which they had acquired from their non-Jewish neighbors.

● Strong family ties, which precluded a small chapel cere-

mony with six to eight witnesses as some non-Jews have.

NONE OF THE THREE seem strong enough now to make us keep away from the spacious and inspiring beauty of the synagogue or the real privacy of the home. So whatever the original reasons were, there must be others to take their place.

Could it be, as another person suggested, that a hotel offers privacy plus convenience, and are these important enough to remove a religious ceremony from its rightful setting?

People don't hire a hall for a confirmation or bar mitzvah, to celebrate a bris or to mourn their dead.

(The above column is a reprint of the Women's Viewpoint of Feb. 11, 1949).

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TRYGVE Lie tries hard to be neutral in his recently published book, "In the Interests of Peace," but he can't repress his indignation over the unfair attitude taken by England and the American State Department towards Palestine in the critical days before and after partition.

In two chapters on the Palestine question, the former UN secretary-general virtually confesses his irritation with the Arabs, his feeling that the Arab refugee problem was Arab-made, his belief that the UN itself was imperiled when Bevin and the U.S. refused to enforce the UN partition decision, and his admiration for Israel which he visited.

Surprising is Lie's disclosure that Warren Austin was sympathetic towards Israel, but was forced to do the bidding of his State Department masters, and that Sir Alexander Cadogan was likewise and had to do likewise towards Bevin. So sad was Lie at one time during the Israel crisis that he begged Austin to join him in a "resignation pact" with the hope that if the two of them dramatically gave up their posts the world would hearken, and save Israel and the UN. (S. Izraeli, in the FORWARD)

BETTER POOR HERE
THAN RICH IN EUROPE

Another picture of America emerges from another DAY-JOURNAL feature: letters from refugees describing the manner of their integration into the life of this country.

Entry after entry records the same general pattern: a life of uncertainty in Europe, the advent of Hitler, flight, concentration camps, assistance from HIAS, new language, new jobs, the slow process of adaptation to America. But the theme of each letter is gratitude for help.

And America is seen in pleasant contrast to the regimes of horror overseas.

Writes one newcomer, Marcus Friedenbach, of Brooklyn: "In this country I am a tape sewer. Friends often ask me whether I feel bad over the fact that in Europe I owned a factory whereas here I work for others. Believe me, I would rather work

for others in America than be a boss over there.

"What good is it to be a millionaire in Europe, if at any moment you can be thrust into a situation where it costs you a million dollars for a piece of bread... I am lucky to have realized my dream to live in free, democratic America."

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DAY-JOURNAL DISPLAYS
SOME RIPE HUMOR

SOME DAY-JOURNAL humor, from the daily column, "The Crooked Mirror": A cantor tells a friend that he insured his voice for \$15,000 and gets a reply: "What are you doing with the money?"

"Can you support a family?" asked the father of his daughter's suitor. When the young man replies in the affirmative, the father retorts, "Are you sure? There are eight of us."

And then there's the inevitable Rothschild story. The Baron tells his employees they'll have to work an hour longer and he says he himself will set the example.

"Oh," says an employee, "it's all right for you to get up an hour earlier because you're wealthy, but if we get up earlier we'll be katzanim (paupers) an extra hour each day."

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WORKMEN'S CIRCLE
TURNS TO RELIGION

YEARS ago, the Workmen's Circle, (Arbeiter Ring) national Yiddish-speaking fraternal and educational organization, was lukewarm to religious practices. Now the picture has changed considerably, according to a survey of parents and pupils in Workmen's Circle schools.

Conducted by Joseph Mlotek and published in the Workmen's Circle magazine, "Culture and Education," the survey is reviewed by Bezaal Sherman in the KEMPFER. In 62 per cent of the homes, Friday night candles are blessed; 75 per cent of the parents surveyed attend High Holy Day services; 84 per cent conduct a Seder; and 94 per cent said they favor bar-mitzvah for their sons.

The survey shows not only the change in attitude on the part of those who send their children to Workmen's Circle schools, but it

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Jersey City Rabbi Weiss
Dies After Short Illness

JERSEY CITY, N.J. (JP)—Rabbi Herman Weiss, 64, died Sept. 23 in the Jersey City Medical center after a short illness.

For 30 years Rabbi Weiss was spiritual leader of Congregation Ohav Sholem here. Before that he was associated with the Hungarian Synagogue of Bayonne, N.J.

Abraham Goldstein, 68

WEST MIAMI, Fla.—Abraham Goldstein, 68, former Newark, N. J., community leader, died here Sept. 4. He had been president of the Baron Rothschild lodge, the former Anshe Russia congregation in Newark, and the Independent New Jersey Verein and Minksker Men. He had been a director of the Hebrew Academy of Essex county. He was a resident of Newark for 52 years prior to his retirement three years ago.

Dr. Rose Shiffman, 60

NEW YORK—Dr. Rose Shiffman, 60, dentist here since 1917,

also demonstrator, believes, that secularism as such is fading among Jewish families, a tendency to be noted as we begin the observance of the Tercentenary.

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KATZEN'S BLAST AT JTA
CALLED UNJUSTIFIED

THE Jewish Telegraphic Agency can only print facts, and during the almost 40 years of its existence that is what it has done, declares S. Dingol, in the DAY, in connection with charges made by Bernard Katzen, the advisor on Jewish affairs for the Republican Party that the JTA is partial. Jews will judge the Republican party by its performances like any other citizens will, says Dingol.

There are two matters which have special interest for Jews, in Dingol's opinion. One is justice for Israel. In this regard the Eisenhower administration has been unfair, giving much aid and comfort to the Arabs, little to Israel. The other question which concerns American Jews is immigration legislation. Eisenhower promised to do something about the "racist" McCarran-Walter Act, but the immigration bill his party passed did much for the Germans who created the refugee question but little for the refugees themselves. If Katzen can't see these facts, reported regularly by the JTA, he's blind, believes Dingol.

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MARGOSHES LISTS
HIS GREATEST JEWS

IN one of the features of a splendid Tercentenary edition of the DAY-FORWARD, S. Margoshes lists ten "greatest" American Jews. They are Asser Levy, Isaac Mayer Wise, Solomon Schechter, Jacob Schiff, Stephen Wise, Chatzkel Sarasohn (founder of the "Tageblatt," first U. S. Yiddish newspaper), Samuel Gompers, Chaim Zhitlowsky (the theoretician who brilliantly synthesized conflicting trends toward Zionism and universalism), Mordecai Kaplan and Yehoash (pen-name of Solomon Bloomgarten, translator of the Bible into Yiddish and, in the words of Margoshes, "next to Peretz, the most influential Yiddish writer of our age.")

HARVEST SISAL

BEERSHEBA—The first harvest of sisal, the plant used in rope manufacture which was planted experimentally by the Jewish National Fund four years ago in the Negev, will take place this season.

died Sept. 23 at Beth David hospital. She was the wife of Dr. Louis Shiffman. Born in Poland, she came to this country and graduated from the Columbia Dental school. She was an active Zionist and helped organize the Women's League of Palestine and the business and professional group of Pioneer Women.

Charles Haskins, 63

BOSTON, Mass. (JP)—Charles Haskins, 63, one-time 145-pound national amateur boxing champion, died here at the Jamaica Plain Veterans' Hospital. He was a veteran of World War I. Surviving are two brothers, Dr. Abraham Haskins of Boston and Samuel Haskins of Los Angeles and three sisters.

David Swirsky, 58

SPRINGFIELD, Mass.—David Swirsky, 58, active member of the Jewish community and owner of the Hotel Coolidge, died Sept. 13 after a brief illness. A native of Russia, he came to Springfield in 1906. He was a trustee and member of the ritual committee of Beth Israel synagogue and was active in Sons of Jacob Synagogue affairs.

Death Notices

Death notices and cards of thanks are 10 cents per word with a minimum charge of \$2.50, payable in advance. The notices may be sent to any office of The National Jewish Post.

FISHMAN—Harry. We mourn the loss of our Past President; husband of Mae Frank Fishman. We are bereaved. The FRANK FAMILY CIRCLE.

SHIFFMAN—Dr. Rose. Pioneer Women deeply mourn the passing of our beloved member, Dr. Rose Shiffman. Her wise guidance and her devotion to Israel was an inspiration to us in our work. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to her family. Business and Professional Club Pioneer Women, HANNA VOGEL, Chairman.

ROSSIN — Richard L. — Congregation Beth David of Lynbrook, L. I., announce with profound sorrow the untimely passing of our esteemed Past President, Present Vice President and member of our Board. MORRIS FRIEDMAN, Rabbi. I. NATHANSON, President.

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ISRAEL'S TOUGH CUSTOMS RULES SEEM UNFORTUNATE BUT NEEDED

By CARL ALPERT

HAIFA—Israel's customs regulations, and the administrative enforcement of those laws at the gates of the country, have improved immeasurably in the last few years. Most tourists will attest that they were submitted to considerably less inconvenience in Israel than at most other European countries which they may have visited.

This is all to the good, but there is still one aspect of customs rules which continues to give rise to misunderstanding. That is the application of customs duties to gifts sent to Israelis from abroad. The law is simple and direct. The fact that an article is a bona fide gift, from a private person or non-commercial body overseas to a private person or non-commercial body in Israel, does not exempt it from the customs fees which may be due. The results, however, are sometimes ridiculous, sometimes tragic.

I once witnessed a barefooted girl of about 15, resident of a maabara, who stood in line in front of me to receive a gift package from abroad. She had received notification to come to the customs window to call for the parcel. She submitted the notice to the clerk, but was shocked to learn that she would have to pay duty. I don't recall the amount, but to her it was a staggering sum. She did not have the money, and left the window with tears in her eyes.



ALPERT

A FRIEND OF MINE received a gift from relatives in the U.S.A. of two Parker pens. The pens bore a label indicating that each had cost \$10, but the catalogue at the customs booth said they should cost \$12.50, and duty was assessed at the rate of twelve Israel pounds (about \$6.60) each. That meant my friend had to dig down into his pockets for 24 pounds—or abandon the gift. He paid—but turned around and sold both pens on the black market to get his money back. He needed the pens, but the government policy was such that it encouraged his entry into the black market.

If you send your friends in Israel a box of clothing, new or second-hand, you may rest assured that they are going to have to pay customs duty on it. And if you have stuffed the box with lots of items which may have no special value to them but which you have included "just to make

sure," you are making it that much more expensive to redeem your gift.

ANYTHING YOU MAY send to friends or relatives in Israel by way of gift, except books, is most likely subject to tax, and if the recipient is in destitute circumstances your gift is apt to prove more embarrassing than helpful.

Well meaning friends in America have several times sent us toys for our children. The customs tax we paid came to more than the original cost of the toys.

Remember, the fact that the package may be clearly marked, "Bona Fide, Unsolicited Gift," means nothing. It is dutiable nevertheless under the laws of Israel.

Recently we heard of a large gift shipment which had been assembled by the children of a Jewish school in America and shipped to the children of a school here in Haifa. The parcel contained school supplies, soap, and other helpful items. To promote closer relationship between the children, the senders had addressed the package to the individual children of the Haifa school. That made it a gift to individuals—and the principal of the school had to pay large customs fees—again more than the value of the package.

IF YOU TRY to send your relatives or friends in Israel a radio, a bottle of Scotch, an automobile tire, an electric appliance—or a gift of any kind which costs more than \$112 you will be getting him into a peck of trouble, because he has to have an import license. If he doesn't—the gift may be confiscated, or released only on payment of duties plus a heavy fine.

Almost every Israeli can multiply such stories, though most of them hesitate to tell their relatives or friends abroad lest they sound ungrateful for the thoughtfulness on the other side.

The reason for the customs regulations is clear. Customs authorities have no way of determining which shipments are genuine gifts and which are actually indirect orders, paid for indirectly in circumvention of Israel's exchange laws to safeguard the country's hard currency. There is no doubt that a good deal of monkey business is carried on under the guise of "gifts," but in these circumstances the innocent, thousands of them, suffer along with these who are out to cheat the government.

ZOO GETS CAMELS

JERUSALEM—A pair of camels has been presented by Israel's army to the Jerusalem Biblical Zoo.

MUSIC

Jan Peerce Is Moved by Muse To Produce Fine New Platter

By JOSEPH GALE

RCA Victor has a new Jan Peerce 45 rpm record, just the thing for a cold winter's day when the furnace dies down and the outlook is bleak: the record will warm you like toast.

On it, in Yiddish, Peerce sings a composition by Alexander Olshanetsky and Maurice Schwartz, "Shiroh," and on the other side a Parish-Alstone-Goodhart creation called "Mom-e-le." This one is a pretty fair copy of a "Song Without Words," by Tchaikovsky, a shabby trick to play on weak upper lips anywhere.



GALE

But Peerce rises above it, returning in dignity to the sanctum of folklorism he once occupied alone and now enters only when the spirit moves him.

Well, the Muse this time (if we may be so irreverent) hauls off and kicks Peerce swiftly in the pants, and the golden tenor bursts forth with as fine a song as he has given us any time. The enunciation is as understandable as ABC, the pathos commendably absent, and Peerce's voice itself is liquid smooth. It is a fine job all around, and "Mom-e-le" ought to sell like momele's hotcakes.

VICTOR LISTS the Marlin Choraleers' "Toom-Bah-Lee" and "Hallelujah Day" as Yiddish offerings. Credits on the first are Janowitz-Freudenthal-Chajes-Grossman, and on the second, Janowitz and Grossman, all of which sound reasonably Yiddish, but any facsimile to the language ends there. Both ditties are souped up and rendered in English.

"Hallelujah Day" carries a faint whiff of Yiddish tempo. "Toom-Bah-Lee" is a grimly

funny bastardization of an old lilting folksong, "Tum-Balalaika"—grimly funny in the sense that one gnashes his teeth and rolls the eyes toward heaven.

The Marlin Choraleers have a history, too. Our memory goes back to when they used to be the Marlin Sisters, singing respectable if light-hearted Yiddish songs. The girls soon gravitated toward the light fantastic. Later, male voices were added, and they became The Choraleers. Then—which is now—they plunged into real jivey rhythms, and only RCA knows what next. The Marlin gals and Tikva Records' Malavsky Family Choir, another great style and name-changer, ought to get together and have a music festival.

THOSE AMONG you interested in lower East Side nuptials will probably want to investigate "Wedding on Second Avenue," eight dances on a Banner Records' ten-inch LP. Dave Tarris, clarinetist, and Abe Ellstein and his orchestra preside.

Admirers of Jennie Goldstein will be glad to know that six of her old-time hits are available on a DeLuxe LP, distributed by King Records, called "Yiddisha Comedy Songs." They are "The Baby Sitter," "Here is the Bride," "Ich Hob Zich Gelost," "Gin," "Platinum Fox" and "Three Hotel Keepers." Hymie Jacobson's orchestra hovers nearby.

FROM THE DARKENED precincts of the 4th Street Theater, New York, comes word that casting on "The Dybbuk," described here recently is progressing steadily. The latest acquisition is William Webb Sanders, whose latest Broadway role was in "Jacobowsky and the Colonel," and who since has been starring in summer stock. "The Dybbuk" will open in October.

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We all have a tendency to forget unpleasant incidents in our lives, and this same phenomenon works on us as Jews so that we hardly let ourselves dwell on the Nazis' butchery of 6 million Jews.

But for those who were victims of Nazism and escaped to the U. S. such forgetfulness is impossible.

In fact, they are driven to anger and indignation by the seeming ease with which most of the world is quickly eradicating from its collective mind the inhumanly fiendish acts of the Nazis.

This chair is guilty as much as you are.

On the staff of The Post, however, are several correspondents, now well-entrenched Americans, who were fortunate to have just escaped the clutches of the Nazis.

They do not forget, and they hardly let us forget.

One such correspondent is Herbert Luft, who has already carved a name for himself in Los Angeles and Hollywood as a reviewer and script writer of note.

And Herb has sent me the following letter, which just in case you are feeling well-satisfied with yourself, I'll make you read too: Dear Mr. Cohen:-

In these days where everyone seems to be overly zealous to re-arm our German friends, the reprint of an editorial from the New York Times of July 8, 1944, should be a public service. It happened ten years ago! Here is the text from the N. Y. Times:

"NO PEACE WITH BUTCHERS"

"It is almost impossible for a civilized mind to grasp the reality of figures given out this week as to the fate of Europe's Jews. The World Jewish Congress estimates that as many as 4,000,000 and Axis country who could have re-000 have been done to death by the Nazis. A Swiss refugee or-

ganization, the Fluechtlinghilfe of Zurich, has gathered, checked and published evidence that 1,715,000 helpless human beings were scientifically wiped out in two years at two great camps in Upper Silesia. Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden of Great Britain this week confirmed reports that the Hungarian Government, long believed to be at least a little more humane than the Berlin murderers, had undertaken to exterminate its Jewish population of about 450,000, and had already sent about 100,000 to the Nazi death camps. A similar process is under way with the Jews of Czechoslovakia.

"Let us compare these figures with some others that shook us: 3,000 or fewer killed by robot bombs in London; more than 56,000 American soldiers and sailors killed in action; and, if we like, the civilians slain in the Allied bombings of military objectives in Germany and occupied Europe. Then let us remember that the Jews in Europe are dying for no crime and because of no military necessity, but because they are different from their murderers and obviously superior to them. An appeal is now being made to President Roosevelt and Premiers Churchill and Stalin to issue a warning or retaliation against Hungarian cities and towns if in that country, at least, the murderers do not stop.

"Presently the murderers are likely to wash their hands and suggest that we get together on a compromise peace. It is time to make clear that there will never be any kind of peace whatever for them alive and at the World Jewish Congress estimates that as many as 4,000,000 Axis country who could have re-000 have been done to death by the Nazis. A Swiss refugee or-

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JEWISH LAWS TERMED GUIDEPOSTS FOR THE GOOD LIFE ON EARTH

Editor, Jewish Post:

This has reference to the publication of a letter in the issue of Aug. 27th., by one, Hyman Luloff. His attitude clearly indicates the low ebb to which our young people have sunk in order

to shirk responsibility, and their bankrupt evaluation of their treasured heritage, for which countless martyrs down through the ages, made the supreme sacrifice. If the Hannahs and the Maccabees, etc., would have thrown up their hands and thrown in the sponge, as our friend is readily willing to do, he can be sure that he would not be writing today, and also would not have a synagogue to go to.

An incident attributed to Rabbi Akiwa, of blessed memory, is in order and should serve to enlighten our friend. It is related, that at the time that it was forbidden for Jews to study the Torah, Rabbi Akiwa was reproached by his townspeople for defying the edict. He smilingly replied: "If while I am performing the will of God, and studying his Torah, I am in danger of annihilation, how much more so would I expose myself to danger from heaven."

My dear friend, I am afraid that you will have a lot to atone for during the coming High Holy Days, for taking the liberty and indulging in the expensive luxury of classifying all our laws, and minhogim, as 99 per cent foolishness. They are and always will be to the end of time 100 per cent guideposts for the good life on this earth of ours, and are accepted as such by the entire civilized world.

They seem hard to keep, but only by those who seek the line of least resistance, as indicated by the expression, "Ole Malchus S'miyim" (the yoke of the king-

In Practice It's Committed

FROM the several accounts we've read of the speech by Phil Klutznick, before a fund-raising meeting for the Joint Defense Appeal, we're trying to unravel exactly what the views of the national president of the B'nai B'rith are on civic defense work by the Jewish community of the United States.

At one point, according to one account in "America's Leading English-Jewish Weekly," Klutznick "warned that there were unmistakable signs on the horizon indicating that the need for a 'fighting organization' capable of defending Jews against false and malicious charges was 'as great today as in any modern time'."

This means clearly two things.

One is that Mr. Klutznick is seriously concerned with the possibility of the eruption of new waves of anti-Semitism in the U. S. in the foreseeable future.

The other is that only the ADL is such a "fighting organization" which might defend the U. S. Jewish community against this anti-Semitism.

Mr. Klutznick may be right on both counts.

But if his forecast is accurate, then it seems to The Post that it is all the more imperative that we consolidate all the forces of the Jewish community fighting anti-Semitism, and protect the Jewish community under unified directions, such as is the National Community Relations Advisory Council.

At another point in his speech, according to the same publication, Mr. Klutznick took issues with some members of the American Jewish Committee and the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith who "believe that the only

way to stamp out anti-Semitism is to broaden the base of democracy."

This is not a fair summation of the view of those who feel that widening the benefits of democracy is the intelligent way to proceed to uproot prejudice and discrimination. If there are some who would resort to this method "only" as Mr. Klutznick asserts, then they must be few indeed.

Most of the thinking U. S. Jewish community today feels that anti-defamation work is essential and will be so for a long time to come. But to make anti-defamation work the be-all and the end-all of work in the Jewish community is to commit a serious disservice for the Jewish group.

It is the reaction to the time when such a disproportionate share of work and funds in the Jewish community were allocated to fighting anti-Semitism, that was a basic cause of the present revolution in the Jewish community.

The Jewish community today holds that anti-defamation work is important, but so is Jewish education, and so is the spreading of the benefits of democracy, and all the other areas of work in the Jewish community.

We submit that this is the correct view of the matter, and we believe that had Mr. Klutznick not been addressing a fund-raising dinner, which gives him and others engaged in this very difficult task certain privileges, he would have chosen his words more carefully. For in practice, the B'nai B'rith is today as much committed to the approach of widening the benefits of democracy as is any other Jewish organization.

A Difficult Dilemma

IT MAY be all right for Rabbi David B. Hollander to reiterate the Orthodox view (JP, Sept. 24, '54) that those worshippers who live so far from a synagogue that their only choice is to ride to services, should worship at home. But what about the rabbi in the smaller communities throughout the U. S. where large segments of the congregation live miles away from the house of worship.

These Orthodox rabbis are faced with an almost impossible dilemma, and it is very unlikely that they will insist that their members who have been riding to services now for years, should pray at home.

There is another consideration.

Formerly almost all Jews were so well versed in Judaism that they would have little difficulty reciting the proper High Holiday prayers at home.

Today, many members of Orthodox synagogues are in the same class as members of Conservative and Reform

congregations; they do not know the proper prayers, even if they had the inclination to recite them in the isolation of their homes.

The problem of getting to synagogues was non-existent in Palestine of old, and throughout the ages as long as Jews lived in close proximity to the synagogue.

Today that situation no longer exists, and hence the problem.

What will happen in most cases will be that the Orthodox rabbi will overlook the breach of Jewish law, as he has been doing for all the other precepts which, in so many cases, his members have been ignoring.

This is far from a healthy situation, but is one which will continue to exist until some provision is made by the Orthodox for making it possible for its adherents to obey its precepts while living in the atomic age.

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Indianapolis Educator Finds Warm Defender

Editor, Jewish Post:

Your Editor's Chair, (JP, Sept. 10, '54), seemingly defaming the professional competence or integrity of a Jewish educator in our community by inference or analogy with another community, is based on a false foundation when you say, to quote you, "... the Louisville and Indianapolis Jewish communities ... have about the same population. Therefore the problems of Jewish education would be more or less similar."

Anyone in Jewish communal service will aver that two communities having similar populations do not necessarily have similar problems in Jewish education. The only similarity is that

they both have problems—all communities do. Some try to solve them in one way and some in another, such attempts being based on many factors of similarity or dissimilarity. Each community may thus evolve its own pattern and approach, within such scope the educator functions.

When you single out two communities, each one of which may have had its own peculiar problems requiring different organizational set-ups, and then chastise directly or by inference one Jewish educator because his area of endeavors does not exert or assert itself in the same direction as the other, it would seem that the very foundation of such criticism is questionable.

We, in the Jewish educational field, who are aware of the problems with which Intrater has to grope, are fully appreciative of the integrity of his professional competence in dealing with the educational problems within the framework of the set-up as it exists in Indianapolis. While you may have the absolute right to disagree with the pattern and shape of any existing Jewish educational set-up in any community, it certainly is unfair to hold up to questionable light any profes-

sional in the Jewish field when it is based on an unfair comparison. It is hardly fair, then, to impugn the professional integrity or competency of a Jewish educator whose ability is beyond question in our profession—an impression one can readily gather from your comments.

Samuel Deutsch
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Educator Praises Education Edition

Editor, Jewish Post:

Unlike so many of our leaders, you seem to comprehend fully the idea of a Bureau of Jewish Education as a control Jewish community agency.

Incidentally, and from a purely journalistic point of view, The Post coverage in its last special issue (Sept. 10, '54) of the Jewish education scene in the United States was slightly terrific.

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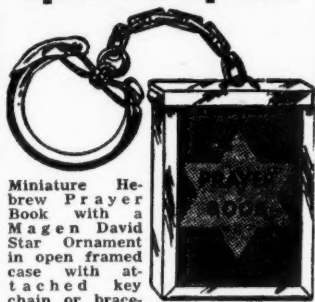
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BOOKS

'The Road to Mecca' Repeats What Often Has Been Said Before

By MEYER LEVIN

THE ROAD TO MECCA, by Muhammed Asad. Simon and Schuster. \$5.

THE figure of a converted Jew always arouses curiosity; a Jew converted to the Moslem faith is indeed an odd thing, and upon this the publishers of Asad's volume have staked their advertising campaign. The somber, broody face of this god-seeker peers out from the frame of the Arab head-dress. What depths, the potential reader imagines, have not been plumbed by those all-seeing eyes, purified by the vistas of the desert?

Turns out that Asad, once Weiss, has nothing to sell after all except the same old postcards of white-cloaked riders streaking across the sands on their desert steeds. When you get right into the heart of the book, this is what thrills him.

SINCE THE VOLUME is an introspective autobiography, one is obliged to examine the author's personal constellation. A bright lad, son of a lawyer, grandson of a rabbi, he revolted early against family plans, and ran off from Lvov to Vienna and Berlin. He hung around the literary cafes, hungered, finally got started as a journalist by interviewing Madame Gorki who was travelling under an assumed name.

Pretty soon he went to Jerusalem to visit his uncle, who was head of a mental hospital. This was in 1922, in the period when a few other bright young journalists, including Arthur Koestler and Vincent Sheean, were taking a look at Palestine. All three seem to have been sent askew, in those days.



LEVIN

Like Sheean, Weiss turned pro-Arab. His book hands out the standard anti-Zionist arguments. Weiss spent a few years wandering around Arab countries, peeking into the Koran, and becoming fascinated by the relaxed ways of the aristocratic Arabs. He was then a star correspondent for the Frankfurter Zeitung.

ON A RETURN VISIT to Berlin he married a woman 15 years older than himself. One day, looking at all the unhappy faces in the subway, they became converted to Islam, because when they went home they found their Koran open at a text that seemed to predict this age of unhappiness. They set out to Mecca. There, Asad's wife died. He brooded a good deal, but eventually married an Arab woman, and adopted Arab culture.

He loves the long voyages with only a male companion, like Zaid, he loves the warmth of the campfire, the horse talk and camel talk, etc., etc.

The book recounts the usual adventures. A few days lost in the sands, with a miraculous last-minute rescue. Some spying missions undertaken for Ibn Saud—who eventually disappointed him by failing to rise above selfish ambitions to lead an Arab renaissance. Some cloak and dagger operations for other Arab potentates.

AS FOR THE MOSLEM faith—like many converts to Christianity, Asad is a convert to the "true and original" faith rather than to the religion as organized today. The Prophet, he tells us, believed in social equality, even the equality of women, he believed in the spirit of enquiry, and all sorts of ideals. If the religion is used to enforce opposite practices, that is regrettable.

Asad is a straight romantic, and a mixed-up individual. Actually, one has a feeling that his behavior

bespeaks a kind of perverse allegiance to his own folk, for he elaborates on the idea that living the Arab way, today, is really as close as one can get to the ways of Father Abraham. But his book is a dangerous piece of propaganda, wrapped up in all the poetics, starlight over the sands, and soul-seeking mumbo-jumbo, and is political anti-Semitism.

JUDAISM IN ISLAM, by Abraham Katsch. Bloch. \$7.50.

A SCHOLARLY work extended from a thesis at New York university, this volume offered the talmudic and biblical sources for various portions of the Koran. Dr. Katsch goes a step further than previous authorities, in tracing Mohammed's use of Jewish sources. He deduces that Jews lived on good terms with their Arab neighbors, who were on the way to absorbing the Jewish faith. Because of this disposition toward acceptance, Mohammed's mixture of midrash and precept was not slow in taking hold.

The general similarities between Moslem and Jewish practice are of course self-evident—such as the organization of worship without an ordained clergy. Dr. Katsch finds many precepts in the Koran that are virtual quotations of Torah, the behests to practice charity are among these.

But in his scholarly way he sometimes seems over-zealous to establish parallels. As an example, a verse from the Koran refers to God as coming in the "shadow of a cloud." We are then given quotations from Sa'ad'a Gaon, and Rashi, in which the same expression is used. But points are hardly needed, in the light of the remarkable similarity of many regulations about contracts (let there be two witnesses) about worship itself.

That Jewish convert to Islam Muhammed Asad, ought to be interested.

WORLD NEWS ROUNDUP

Israel Releases Arab Funds

JERUSALEM—In a move apparently aimed at easing relations with the Arab nations, Israel has agreed to release to Arab refugees all funds they have on deposit in the banks of this country, a sum estimated at \$8.5 million. An agreement on this step has been concluded by Israel with the Palestine Conciliation Commission. Previously Israel had released accounts equal to one-third of the present amount.

Czechs to Release Israeli

LONDON—Mordecai Oren, Israeli Mapam leader, who in November 1953 was sentenced by a Czech court to 15 years' imprisonment for treason and espionage, will be released shortly, according to East European sources quoted in the Jewish Chronicle of London. Oren was held in custody for nearly two years before his trial. He was produced as a witness in the celebrated Slansky trial.

Moroccan Jews Terrorized

LONDON—Jewish shopkeepers in Casablanca who have defied strike orders issued by Nationalist leaders and kept their stores open are being attacked by terrorists. Last week a Jewish merchant was fired upon by unknown persons while leaving a movie in Casablanca. A number of Jewish merchants last week received threatening letters demanding they support the "Moroccan Freedom Movement" and close their shops as a sign of solidarity with their economic boycott of French authorities, the Jewish Chronicle of London reported.

Egypt Arrests 60 Jews

LONDON—Egypt has arrested 60 Jews this month, including the Cairo employees of a number of British and French banks. Although no official statement has been issued by Egyptian authorities, according to the Jewish Chronicle of London, the arrested Jews were alleged to have belonged to "Zionist gangs planning to sabotage strategic military centers in Egypt, and responsible for the recent bomb attack on the American Library in Alexandria."

Israel Supplies Wood to U.S. Army

JERUSALEM—Plywood molded in Israel's Taal factory has been sent to United States military bases in Britain, France and North Africa. The shipments were part of a trial order placed by the U.S. Army with the Taal and Kelet factories. Army laboratories examined samples of the plywood before placing the orders.

Reconsecrate Tunis Synagogue

TUNIS—Following its recent restoration, the Dar Gadid synagogue, situated in the heart of the Jewish quarter here, was reconsecrated at a recent special ceremony. The synagogue, nearly 200 years old, was desecrated by the Germans during the war.

Israel May Return to U.N. Body

JERUSALEM—Israel's return to the Israeli-Jordan Mixed Armistice Commission which it had boycotted since March is expected as the result of the resignation of Commander Elmo Hutchison, the chairman of the United Nations group. Israel withdrew from the commission because it was miffed by Cmdr. Hutchison's refusal to condemn Jordan for the murder of 11 Israelis in a bus at Scorpion Pass.

Charges of Red Anti-Semitism May Lead to UN Investigation

NEW YORK (JP)—Testimony by leaders of Jewish organizations charging anti-Semitic persecution in Communist countries may lead to a United States request for a United Nations investigation.

The Jewish leaders testified at last week's hearings held here by the House Committee on Aggression to determine the extent of anti-Jewish activities in the Iron curtain nations.

Among the Jewish leaders demanding a U.N. investigation were Irving M. Engel, president of the American Jewish Committee; Henry E. Schultz, national chairman of the ADL; Herschel Weinrauch, former Yiddish newspaper editor in Birobidjan, Moscow and Bialystok, and former Red Army first lieutenant; and Dr. Israel Goldstein, president of the American Jewish Congress.

Weinrauch charged that of some 600,000 Jews sent from Poland to Siberia in 1939, only 150,000 have been accounted for, while the remaining 450,000 "just vanished" by the war's end in 1945. He also testified that the settlement of Birobidjan by Jews was used by the Communists to mulct millions of dollars from Americans in cash, equipment and machinery meant for the Jewish region.

Engel and Schultz charged the Communist countries with reviving anti-Semitism "as an instru-

ment of government policy"; sabotaging restitution to Jewish victims of Nazism in satellite countries; destroying all Jewish communal institutions; promoting "bloody pogroms" in Poland, Czechoslovakia, Hungary and Rumania, resulting in the death of hundreds of innocent Jews; imprisoning without charge hundreds of Jewish leaders who were left to rot without trial for many years in filthy Communist jails; pauperizing the Jewish population in Russia and the satellites, and deporting thousands into unsettled areas with no food or means of shelter. The secret purge trials and sentencing of Jews, they stated, was continuing up to the present time.

"All this is going on," charged Engel, "despite the international obligations the governments of Hungary, Rumania and Bulgaria undertook in peace treaties and

in spite of the guarantees of equality in the constitutions of these enslaved countries."

Dr. Goldstein charged that "the shadow of doom lies over the spiritual survival of 2,500,000 Jews in Soviet lands." Yiddish newspapers, he testified, ceased publication, Yiddish writers disappeared and other Yiddish institutions were shut down. He asserted that while the USSR supported the establishment of Israel at the United Nations, Zionism continued to be banned and suspected Zionists continued to be jailed and sent to forced labor camps.



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